

Municipal Column

Edited by the Village Manager

Zoning

"The whole purpose of zoning is to encourage the erection of the right building in the right place. It protects the man who develops his property along proper lines against the man who develops his property along improper lines. Rightly understood, zoning means the substitution of an economic, scientific, efficient community program of city building for wasteful, inefficient and haphazard growth."

It took a drop forge with eighty trip-hammers, located in a high-class residence district, to awaken a well known city to the need of zoning. Although the city will now be zoned, the incessant din of the forge will always serve as a reminder to the residents of the peace and quiet they might have enjoyed but for their own neglect of civic duty.

The owner of a plot immediately adjoining one of the largest hospitals in an eastern city contemplates the erection of a high-class garage. The hospital makes a specialty of nervous diseases. Within the hospital the nurses, to obviate the slightest sound, walk on rubber heels and never speak to one another above a whisper. Upon the completion of the garage (for the erection of the garage in the absence of any zoning restriction cannot be stopped), the noise outside the hospital will render the precautions taken within the hospital for the peace and quiet of the neurosthenic cases useless. Should the hospital be obliged to move, or should the garage be erected in a locality where it can do no harm? That is a question which every zoning scheme answers.

Nearly all the private houses erected in New York since the adoption of its zoning law have been built in the districts set aside by the law for detached houses. Nobody cares to run the risk of having a garage or a warehouse next to his home when he can avoid it.

Incendiarism is a crime punishable

by imprisonment. Yet in most cities, it is perfectly legal for a man to destroy the value of his neighbor's home by erecting a blacksmith shop or a chemical works on the adjoining lot. Zoning does not prevent the erection of blacksmith shop or chemical works, but it does keep them out of residence districts.

A man bought a vacant lot in an exclusive villa district. When his neighbor asked what he proposed to do with the lot, he expressed his intention to erect a chinese laundry. The only way the residents could dissuade him from carrying out his purpose was to buy the lot at an extortionate price. Had this been a poor neighborhood the man could not have been bought off. Zoning does away with this species of blackmail.

Driveway To Be Oiled

The driveway on the right of way of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, north of Elm street and just west of the waiting station of the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee electric, is to be oiled to prevent the clouds of dust which have annoyed persons using the electric station as well as occupants of the buildings on Lincoln avenue.

This relief is made possible by the public spirited co-operation of E. C. Weissenberg, the Winnetka Coal-Lumber company and B. W. Blow in providing the funds for the oil, the village doing the work.

STERLING CANDIDATE FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR

Fred E. Sterling of Rockford, Ill., is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois at the Republican primaries on Sept. 15.

Sterling has been state treasurer for the last two years, so that he is no stranger before the voters of Illinois. In that two years he has made a wonderful record for clean-cut business dealings, giving the state the money it was rightfully entitled to as interest on public moneys deposited in banks.

Previous to his term as treasurer, Fred Sterling was the aggressive chairman of the Republican State Central committee and directed the

successful campaign of 1916. Thus, he is no new comer into the Republican party.

VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

In the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois, General Number 354227

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested that the Village of Winnetka, Cook County, Illinois, having ordered the improvement of Chatfield Road from the present pavement in Burr avenue to the present pavement in Linden avenue, by draining, grading, grubbing, preparing subgrade, rolling, curbing, constructing new catch basins with sewer pipe connections, smoothing parkways and paving with an asphaltic macadam wearing surface on a two course water bound macadam crushed limestone macadam base, a sixteen (16) foot roadway, including engineering and supervision during construction, all in the Village of Winnetka, County of Cook and State of Illinois, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the Village Clerk of said Village, and the said Village having applied to the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois, for a special assessment to pay the cost of said improvement according to the benefits, and an assessment therefor having been made and returned to said Court, General Number 354227, the final hearing thereon will be held on the sixth day of September, A. D. 1920, or as soon thereafter as the business of the said Court will permit. All persons desiring may file objections in said Court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense. Said ordinance provides for the collection of said assessment in ten (10) annual installments, with interest thereon at the rate of five per centum (5 per centum) per annum.

Dated, Winnetka, Illinois, August 20, A. D. 1920.

HARRY I. ORWIG,

Person appointed by the President of the Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Winnetka, Cook County, Illinois, (and such appointment approved and confirmed by the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois) to make said special assessment.

FREDERICK DICKINSON,
Village Attorney.

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JUSTICE FOR SPEEDERS

Justice D. M. Mickey of the Wilmette Speeders' court discharged two defendants and assessed small

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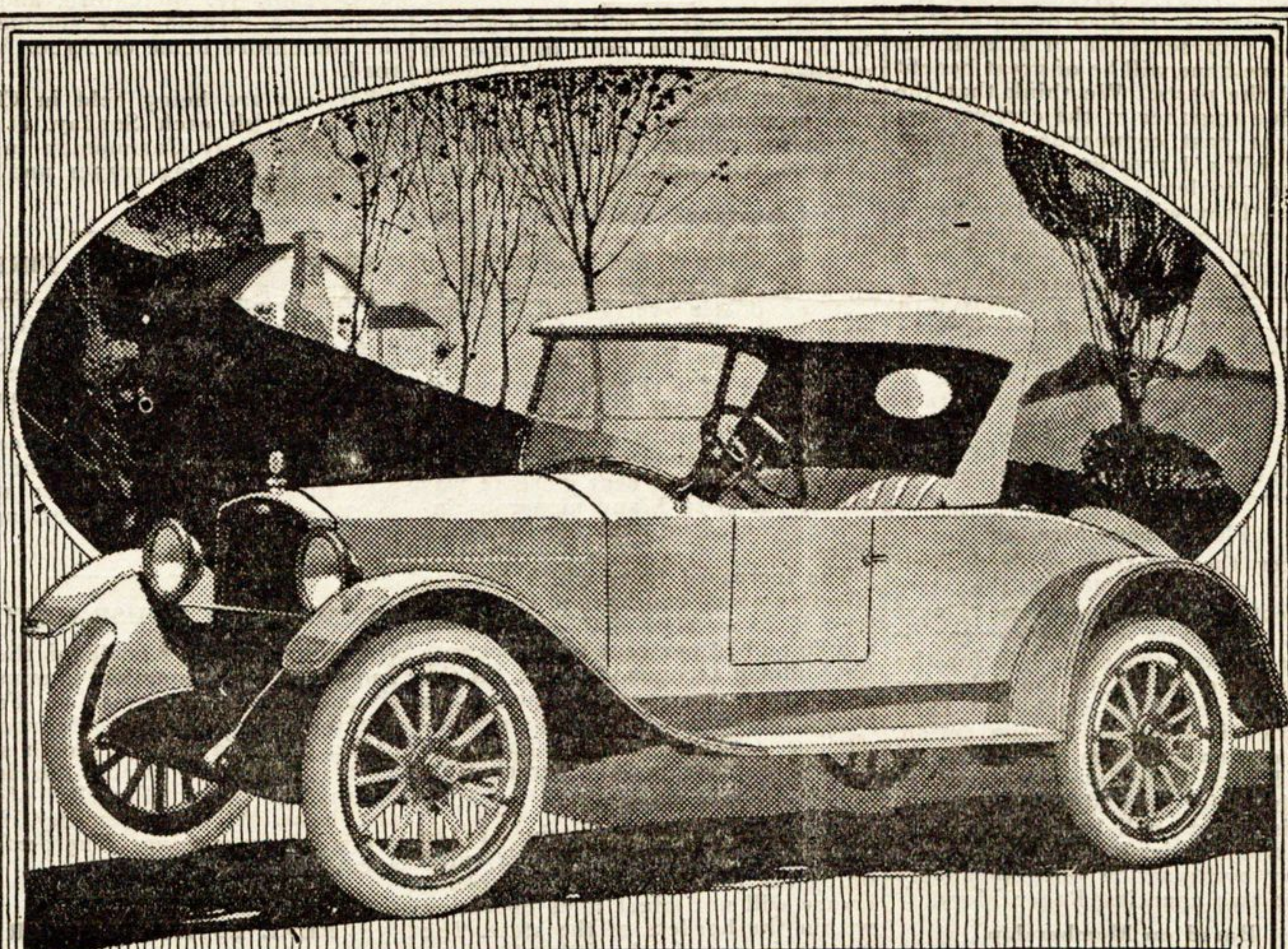
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